ABSTRACT
ELDERLY SERVICES AT TOMONI PUBLIC HEALTH CENTER EAST LUWU REGENCY

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According to the WHO, Life Expectancy in 2045-2050 will be 77.6 years, with a 28.68 percent old population in 2045. Elderly health services must pay special attention in order to maintain their physical and mental health. The main problem in this study is how the Tomoni Public Health Center handles the service and development for the elderly. The objective of this study was to understand more about the Tomoni Public Health Center (Puskesmas) and the Village Government's services and assistance for the elderly.

This study applied a qualitative descriptive approach. To determine a causal relationship between difficulties in geriatric services, data was obtained by observation, interview, and document review, followed by problem identification and analysis utilizing fishbone diagrams. The result of the study revealed that services for the elderly were available, such as Posyandu development, blood pressure checks, blood sugar checks, and cholesterol checks. The obstacle in service is the availability of blood sugar and cholesterol test strips provided by the village government as a result of the limited budget for 2021, which has been diverted for handling Covid-19. Another obstacle is the Mini-Mental Status Examination (MMSE) and the Geriatric Depression Scale (GDS).

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